Indians returning to Gulf countries

653. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 294 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 17th July, 1991, and state the number of Indians returned to Gulf countries following the cessation of hostilities there?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): Yes, Sir. According to information available it is estimated that approximately 25,000 Indian nationals have returned to Kuwait. Our nationals who left Iraq have not as yet returned. These were the only two Gulf States from which our nationals had to be evacuated.

ANNOUNCEMENT RE. NEW LEADER OF OPPOSITION

Mr. CHAIRMAN: I have to inform Members that I have received a communication from Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy intimating that Shri S. Jaipal Reddy has been elected as the Leader of the Janata Dal in Rajya Sabha. Accordingly I have recognised Shri S. Jaipal Reddy as the Leader of the Opposition in Rajya Sabha in place of Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy with effect from 22nd July, 1991.

[**The Deputy Chairman** in the Chair]

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now Papers to be laid on the Table. (*Interruptions*) Papers should be laid. Let the papers be laid please. Order, order Let the papers be laid.

डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय : यह बड़ी चिंता की बात है कि राजीव गांधी के हत्यारों का पता लगाने वाली कमेटी की ओर से ढिलाई बरती जा रही है। आदमी सेफ कस्टडी से भाग रहे हैं तो ऐसी स्थिति में मंत्री महोदया को इस सदन में आकर कोई वक्तव्य देना चाहिए। (व्यवधान)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The Home Minister will make a statement. There will be a statement by the Home Minister at 3-00 p.m. after his visit to that aera.

मंत्री जी तीन बजे वक्तव्य दे रहे हैं इसलिए कृपया यहां मौजूद रहियेगा।

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Notification of Ministry of Home Affairs (Office of the Registrar General of India)

II. Notification of Ministry of Surface Transport (Shipping Wing)

III. Notification of Ministry of Home Affairs.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS. (SHRI M. M. JACOB): I lay on the Table, under sub-section (3) of section 18 of the Census Act, 1948, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Home Affairs (Office of the Registrar General, India) Notification S.O. No. 967(E), dated the 31st December, 1990, publishing the Census Rules, 1990. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-127/91]

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): I lay on the Table, under sub-section (3) of section 458 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Surface Transport (Shipping Wing) Notification G.S.R. No. 84(E), dated the 21st February, 1991, publishing the Merchant Shipping (Tonnage Measurement of Ships) Amendment Rules, 1991, [Placed in Library. *See* No. 127/91]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): I lay on the Table, under sub-section (3) of section 18 of the Central Reserve Police

[Shri M. M. Jacob]

Force Act, 1949, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Home Affairs Notification G. S. R. No. 54 dated the 26th January, 1991, publishing the Indo-Tibetan Border Police, Additional Deputy Inspector General (Engineer) Recruitment Rules, 1990 [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT 130/91]

STATEMENT ON INDUSTRIAL POLICY

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Shri P. K. Thungon (*Interruptions*)

SHRI JAGESH DESAI (Maharashtra): Madam, I have a point of order.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA (Bihar): If he is laying the new Industrial Policy, then, I have a point of order.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH (West Bengal): Madam, I have a point of order.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Thungon, please, just a minute. Let me handle the points of order.

SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Madam, as I mentioned in the morning.....

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Madam, whom are you allowing?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: One by one I will allow everybody. Let him speak. Then I will allow you, I will allow him, I will allow everybody. But let me first handle one point of order.

SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Madam, earlier also a statement on the Industrial Policy was made, and clarifications were allowed to be sought. Now they want to take away our right. As such, after the statement is made we should be allowed to ask clarifications on this issue. Without that he should not be allowed to lay it on the Table.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: What is your point of order, Mr. Dipen Ghosh?

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: It has been announced that Mr. P. K. Thungon would lay on the Table a statement on the Industrial Policy. The Industrial Policy is such a matter, a serious matter which is being talked about in the newspapers all these days. It is related to the entire economic approach of the new Government. So, if it is merely laid on the Table, unless a substantive motion is brought to have a discussion, as the procedure stands, Madam,...

..THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): This is only laying the paper. (*Interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Just let everybody speak so that we can finish it fast. Okay, agreed.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: My point is that it is a method of taking away the right of Rajya Sabha Members to have a debate and discussion on this Policy and to approve it or disapprove it. So, I would ask the Government through you that this policy should be read out in the House and immediately thereafter a full-fledged debate on it should follow.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: I would like to know under what Rule of Procedure this policy statement is being laid on the Table of the House. Rule 251 governs statement by a Minister. A Minister has to make a statement under Rule 251. He cannot lay it. A discussion on the industrial policy statement that was made last time I think, we all missed this point. Therefore, my point is that the Minister should make the Statement. He cannot lay the statement. That will give us an opportunity to discuss the statement. Now despite the fact that I belonged to the ruling party at that time, I regret very much that we could not get an opportunity at that point of time to discuss the Industrial Policy Resolution which had been tabled by the then Government. This was despite the fact that many of us were pressing that